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WEATHER.

Oregon and Washington—
Fair.

OREGON'S REPRESENTATION.

In view of the extremely anomalous position he now occupies at Washington, without the coalescing friendliness and counsel of a single partisan colleague, representing a State that is gravely clouded by a notoriety hampering to the last degree, comparatively new in the realm of his official duty, and bearing the entire weight of representative life, Charles W. Fulton, United States Senator from Oregon, is a man marked among men as a dignified, well poised, and conscientious servant of the commonwealth he stands for. His case is almost without parallel in the history of either branch of the federal legislature, and this, of itself, makes him doubly conspicuous and amenable to the keenest criticism on all sides, and he is absolutely free from adverse comment in any direction or upon any pretext. Every canon of official movement at Washington has been faithfully followed by this man; every phase of his career there, in department, and in Congress has wrought for him only praise and prestige and commendation from the sources to which all men, at the national capital, look for blame or censure and the record of the great State of Oregon suffers nothing from the extraordinary and irregular attitude in which she is placed in point of representation, and the day of her restoration to normal Congressional conditions, will dawn to find this reliant and resourceful servant her mainstay in the halls of the nation.

Senator Gearin, while happily a man of sufficient breadth and conspicuous ability, cannot give the full measure of mutuality born of partisan faith, and even the largeness of his purposes and the scope of his assistance, must be regulated by the imperative demands of the opposition. This is in no wise a disparagement of the junior Senator; he is sincerely respected here for everything that inures to him by virtue of his home record, but is said to show that in certain relations and under the sway of party manipulation and expediency, he will be of little or no aid to the man who represents Oregon in the fulness of her Republicanism as well as in the broader sphere of her statehood.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

Judge Gray of Chicago has decided that a wife is a luxury. Can it be possible that the judge has not learned the words of that beautiful song, "Everybody Works But Father?"

The American mines are the richest. The production of minerals and metals in the United States for 1903 amounted to \$1,788,017,836. This has never been equaled and no other distinction.

The output of gold last year was \$375,000,000. This is gratifying, but not necessarily the cause of individual rejoicing.

There were fewer business failures in 1903 than in 1904, but the liabilities were nearly double.

If husbands and wives loved each other as they love themselves there would be no need of divorce courts.

New York is to have a beer trust. If this means a long slate some of the plain people will not object.

There is ice enough in Greenland to bury the entire area of the United States a quarter of a mile deep.

They are sending editors to prison in Russia for printing articles that the authorities do not approve of.

The price of hardwood lumber has been raised. Can you see the finish of that house you were planning to build next spring?

Bacon to the value of over \$20,000,000 was imported by Great Britain last year. No wonder the hens have to work so hard.

Thomas J. Emery, the multimillionaire of Cincinnati, who has just died in Cairo, Egypt, was on his tenth trip to Africa and his fiftieth trip to Europe.

Texas will lose thousands of bales of cotton because of a lack of pickers. Here is a pointer for the people who are studying on the distribution of immigrants.

Stephen Hesse and wife have started from Wichita, Kan., for Germany upon special invitation from Emperor William to join in celebrating his silver wedding anniversary.

The President has ordered that documents which the great mass of the people do not read shall not be printed hereafter, thus saving a pile of money in the public printing department. A good move.

Alfred Belt, the South African mining king, is said to be richer even than Rockefeller. Half the mines in South Africa belong to him, including the fabulous wealth of Kimberley's diamond output.

H. E. Huntington is preparing to establish a permanent Indian exhibition in Southern California. It will have a group of every tribe of Indians in North America permanently quarantined there, besides an art gallery containing Indian photographs.

A southerner has left \$1000 for the purchase of Mark Twain's books "How to be a Gentleman" and distribute same in the Y. M. C. A.'s of the north. He said men were all gentlemen in the South. And to think that a newspaper man—A. W. Carson of Missouri left this \$1000.

Not many years ago a fur coat was a novelty in this country and was considered a luxury. Now they are common especially among rural folks and prove to be an economical and comfortable investment.

The postmaster-general has kindly granted permission for rural carriers to deliver in automobiles. Now if he will go a step further and provide the automobiles the carriers will be supremely happy.

More than one billion pieces of mail were handled by rural carriers during the fiscal year 1905, each piece costing a little less than 1 1/2 cents. The approximate net cost of the 2,000 carriers in the service for the fiscal year 1905 was \$1,871,734.

China is amazing the world in its progress for organization in case of war. Its new army will number 1,250,000 men and cost \$800,000,000. They have now 1,000,000 rifles of the latest pattern and have ordered 300 modern batteries from Europe. Their officers have been trained in Germany.

Uncle Sam now boasts the possession of the largest printing office in the world. So great is its capacity that entire books of 500 to 1000 pages have been produced in a night, and when emergency arise in the government service it is necessary to specify only the requirements and the time available and the work is done.

The necessary wardrobe for presentation at court in London is no small matter. A simple court dress will cost anything from \$500 to \$750, not including lace, which may be a family heirloom above price. The debutante's bouquets may include \$100 worth of costly orchids and household blooms. As to gloves, the regulation twenty-four button court gloves will cost \$5 or \$10 a pair at least in a Bond street store, and for shoes, the price is \$25 a pair. It is embarrassing to find that almost every detail of one's attire is laid down by law and has endured for centuries.

The thermometer in the Yukon Valley in Alaska showed 82 below zero.

The United States army is to be equipped with the most powerful rifles in existence.

It is said that polygamy still rules in the new quarters established by the Mormons in Mexico.

Alice Roosevelt's wedding gown is to be the product of two cities—Washington and Baltimore. It is being planned on the simple princess model and will be made of heavy pearl white satin brocade. Old lace which adorned Miss Roosevelt's mother's and grandmother's wedding gowns will form a long flowing finish to the sleeves. Some hand embroidery in silk and seed pearls will be placed on the skirt and bodice, and the President's daughter will wear a veil and the conventional orange flowers. She may carry an old ivory prayer-book which has figured at the weddings of her maternal ancestors of three generations.

BAD FIRE ON MEADE

Three Persons Dead and Many Missing.

TRANSPORT READY TO SAIL

Fire Breaks Out in Forward Part of Ship—After Hard Fight Flames Are Brought Under Control—Smoke Overcomes Many Persons.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 1—Fire broke out late last night in the hold of the transport Meade, lying at Folsom-street wharf. The fire raged for hours despite the efforts of the fire department and fully twenty men were overcome by the deadly fumes, and at least three were injured fatally. The dead:

GEORGE WALLACE, third officer of the Meade.

B. HENNESSY, lineman of Engine Company, No. 4.

C. DAKIN, captain of Engine Company, No. 4.

The following are reported as missing, supposedly in the hold unconscious, perhaps dead:

CHARLES GILL, operator for Chief Fernandez.

GEORGE BROWN, of Engine No. 12.

W. REAGAN, of Engine No. 12.

One of the sailors of the Meade, name unknown. The injured are:

GEORGE WILSON, captain of the Meade, shoulder broken.

FIRST OFFICER DASACK, of the Meade.

H. DAHL, second officer of the United States transport service.

LOUIS COOK, foreman, Truck No. 1.

BATTALIAN CHIEF FERNANDEZ, of the fire department.

LIEUTENANT JOHN GILBERT of Engine 12.

CAPTAIN D. R. SEWALL, Engine 12.

LIEUTENANT A. MATLOCK, of Engine 9.

GABRIEL CUNEO, fireman.

At 3 o'clock this morning the fire was well under control and the ship was flooded with water, a dozen engines pumping down the hold.

The Meade was to have sailed today for Manila with 1000 men on board, of the Second Infantry, and the Eighth and Thirtieth Batteries of light artillery.

The forepart of the ship, where the fire broke out, contained the personal effects of the officers and men of the regiments en route to Manila. The vessel also had on board a cargo of 3000 tons of commissary and quartermaster's supplies consigned to the Philippines. It is impossible to estimate at this hour, the extent of damage to the ship and cargo.

Third Officer Wallace was a native of Sydney, N. S. W., and was twenty-five years old.

Itch—Ringworm.

E. T. Lucas, Wingo, Ky., writes, April 25, 1902: "For 10 to 12 years I had been afflicted with a malady known as the 'itch.' The itching was most unbearable; I had tried ten years to find relief, having tried all remedies I could hear of, besides a number of doctors. I wish to state that one single application of Ballard's Snow Liniment cured me completely and permanently. Since then I have used the liniment on two separate occasions for ring worm and it cured completely. 25c, 50c and \$1.00. Sold by Hart's Drug Store."

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